

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

WHEREAS, West Virginia's America250 Capital City Celebration commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and provides an opportunity to reflect upon the shared history, principles, and ideals that have shaped the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout America's history, music has preserved the stories of its people, celebrated its traditions, and reflected the character of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the band ALABAMA stands among the defining acts in the history of American music, creating a distinctive sound rooted in the traditions of country, gospel, bluegrass, and Southern rock that continues to resonate with audiences across generations; and

WHEREAS, ALABAMA'S record-setting achievements have left an indelible mark on American country music, including 21 consecutive No. 1 singles, over 20 certified platinum albums, sales of over 75 million records worldwide, and induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, ALABAMA'S music has long celebrated the hardworking men and women who embody the American spirit, and in their beloved song "40 Hour Week (For a Livin')", the heartfelt greeting, "Hello, West Virginia coal miner," stands as a lasting tribute to the dedication, sacrifice, and pride of the Mountain State's coal miners; and

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia is honored to welcome ALABAMA to the Mountain State as part of the America250 Capital City Celebration, recognizing a musical legacy that has become an enduring part of America's cultural heritage and celebrating the band's distinguished contributions to American music; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of West Virginia, recognizes the band ALABAMA for their distinguished achievements, lasting contributions to American music, and abiding impact upon our Nation's heritage.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **July 3, 2026**, as a day of historic musical significance in recognition of the band

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and their performance at our state's capitol and extend gratitude and best wishes from the people of West Virginia as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

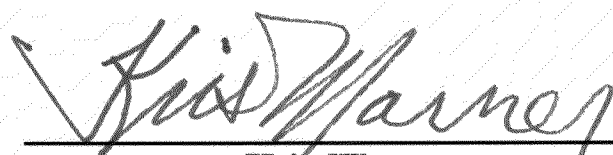
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Third Day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State